

# Darlington & District Orchid Society

## September 2019 Newsletter

This will be a short and to the point newsletter because I am busy getting things ready for the Durham Show.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September meeting** Our speaker will be our very own Digby Angus talking about his 'Costa Rican Adventure'. Digby is gradually developing into an international jet-setting playboy and I am sure we will enjoy hearing about his experiences in Costa Rica. There again, I might have got the jet-setting idea wrong and it might be a talk about a visit to his local Costa Coffee shop.

**Durham Orchid Show** As you know it is to our Durham Show at the Josephine Butler College this weekend. We decided to concentrate our efforts on this show for this year and not have the show at Sadberge village hall in October. This successful show (at a free venue) along with the Raby Castle show earlier in the year seems to be enough to publicise the society and another show in a few weeks' time was one too many. Margaret and Lenny have prepared a nice selection of prizes for the tombola at the show, but I am sure they will be happy to get more if you have found something at the last minute. Arrangements for setting up will be as in previous years with access to the Show Hall from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on the Saturday and from 7.00 – 9.00am on the Sunday. Judging starts at 9.00am and the show opens to the public at 11.00am. Parking is limited in the area between the two buildings because health & safety require most of the space to be left clear for fire engine access. **PLEASE** use the lower carpark, there are some disabled parking spaces at the top but please leave these for people who have mobility problems. One change for this year, resulting from cutbacks at the college, the JCR is no longer staffed on Sunday and it will not be open for refreshments. We will provide the usual tea, coffee and biscuits but bring a packed lunch if you plan to stay for the day. This is one of our two main show events of the year and we hope you will be able to support it; a couple of hours looking after the stand and talking to the public is always a help. If you are bringing plants for the display, please deliver them on the Saturday afternoon or well before judging starts on the Sunday morning. Can you email a list of plants by Friday evening so I can prepare labels in advance.

I mentioned this in the last newsletter - **GROWING ORCHIDS FROM SEED: A WORKSHOP** BOC has asked Phil Seaton to offer a one-day practical workshop on Growing Orchids from Seed on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The workshop will be held in the science theatre and the orchid micro-propagation laboratory at King Charles 1 School, Kidderminster, from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. Participants will sow seed using both symbiotic (using B1 fungus) and asymbiotic techniques. The fee for the workshop is £5 . Teas and coffees will be supplied, but participants will need to bring their own lunches. Numbers are restricted to 12 participants. Book early to avoid disappointment, by contacting Phil at [philipseaton@gmail.com](mailto:philipseaton@gmail.com).

### The September meeting'

#### Dates for your Diary

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Darlington OS Show at Josephine Butler College, Durham City

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